

## Social Work Policies and Procedures

### Important Notes:

- BSW students are required to earn a minimum of 120 semester credit hours for the Bachelor of Social Work degree. The current curriculum guide for BSW students requires 120 credit hours; 64 credit hours are social work and cognate courses; the remaining 56 credits are liberal arts courses.
- **A minimum grade of “C” must be achieved in English, Speech and all major courses**
- **Formal program admission is required before taking any upper division social work courses**
- To be formally admitted to the program students must earn and maintain a **2.6 GPA** or better
- Social Work majors are required to **successfully complete an internship** during their senior year
- **Professional liability insurance** is required before entering the Field

Students interested in participating in the **Child Welfare Initiative Collaborative** should make their application during spring semester of their junior year, when they are applying for senior year field practicum placements.

### Program policies for termination from the B.S.W. Program:

1. The University Administration (The Registrar’s Office) monitors all students who, in spite of ongoing advising and support of faculty, continue to maintain an unacceptable academic average.

These students are notified that they are on academic probation. This requires the student to contract with the department for the next semester not to exceed 12 credit hours.

2. If a student’s grades do not improve, the Registrar’s Office will notify the student of suspension from the University and that he/she will not be readmitted for a period of one year.

3. If faculty agrees that there is a student who may or may not be experiencing academic problems but appears ill suited for a career in social work, the advisor meets with the student to discuss the “problem areas” observed. These areas may include, but are not limited to:

- negative attitudes towards different populations,
- lack of commitment in their volunteer assignments,
- some perceived emotional problem exhibited by uncontrollable crying and/or verbal attacks on peers (in classroom settings),
- indication of untreated substance abuse. If the counsel provided by the advisor and/or the next level professional (University’s Counseling Center or private

therapist) is deemed not successful and would appear to cause the student and the potential clients' added stress, he/she is then counseled regarding other majors and other career options.

4. The field instruction program provides another opportunity to "select out" students during the application process, which occurs during the junior year. Should the student be denied admission to the field, he/she has the right to invoke the appeals process. The Appeals Committee is made up of faculty and students from both field instruction programs. (NCAT and UNCG). The student may select a faculty member or student to serve as his/her advocate.

5. If a student still persists in remaining in the major against all counsel, the issue of non-availability of a field placement and the department's responsibility to indicate concerns to prospective employers and/or graduate schools is discussed with the student.

6. It should be noted that students have the right to appeal through the departmental, College of Arts and Sciences, and the University's channels any program decision that they perceive will adversely affect them.

**For More University wide Student Policies see the Student Handbook**